

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

CHIDEOCK AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chideock Parish Council wrote to a number of universities in October / November 2021 asking if they would be interested in conducting a study of Particulate Matter pollution in Chideock. This followed from the BBC Countryfile programme broadcast September 2020, when a reading taken by Dr Ben Barratt of Imperial College London recording PM2.5 at 130 microgrammes per cubic metre of air.

April 2021 – Bristol University said they would be interested.

May 2021 – initial meeting with BU – Anna, George, and Tony Peacock

May 2022 - at the Annual Parish Council Meeting Cllr Anna Dunn, Cllr George Dunn and Cllr McAra were appointed as the CPC representatives for- Environmental and Air Quality matters.

May 2023 – as above.

This worked well and the 3 (now ex) councillors have a good working relationship with BU and Dorset Council and report regularly to CPC. However, information has not been publicly disseminated as the Parish Council wanted to wait until BU produced their official report for the first phase of their investigations. This obviously changes with the public meeting on 22 May.

The situation has now changed (7/5/2024) in that Anna, George and Vanessa are no longer councillors. It is vital that continuity is maintained i.e. that these 3 continue to work with BU and Dorset Council, under Terms of Reference agreed by CPC and with at least 1 councillor joining the group.

I ask for constructive comments on my suggested Terms of Reference below, so that this lack can be speedily addressed.

S a Robinson, Clerk – 16/5/2024

Chideock Air Quality Working Group Terms of Reference.

1. The Working Group members are Anna Dunn, George Dunn, and Vanesa McAra together with at least 1 elected Chideock Parish Councillor.
2. The Working Group reports to Chideock Parish Council via the Clerk.
3. The Working Group has authority to work directly with Bristol University and Dorset Council and to communicate and hold meetings with representatives of both parties.
4. All communications and minutes / notes of all meetings with these parties must be shared with the Parish Council via the Clerk.
5. The Group must obtain the Parish Council's permission to meet with any body other than Bristol University and Dorset Council.
6. The group does not have authority to commit the Parish Council to any direct action or expenditure – prior approval must be given by the Parish Council.